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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

3/28/70

I am sure there is not a scientist in the Washington area who takes the Washington Post and does not make sure that he reads everything you write. This time I want to "complain," however, that your column (2/28) is terribly unclear. You are not writing for giants-in-science only, but for the average intelligent reader. As a former professor of physiology (at G.W. Med. Sch.) I think of this column being read to a first year class in med school as part of -- say -- a lecture in

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some course and question
any full comprehension--
reasonably full-- of your para-
graphs. Your language is
over the heads of your readers!
This article needs expansion
into a chapter of a book. Re-
read the ff in column three,
beginning with "We cannot, of course"--
and I'm sure you will agree
with me: there is an enormous
amount of concepts crowded into
or attached as side-chains to
the line of words making up
this paragraph, that ought to be
expressed for the reader -

With admiration,

Sincerely,

Ezra H. Abbot